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To amend the “unit of general local government” definition for Federal payments in lieu of taxes to include unorganized boroughs in Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 30 (legislative day, JUNE 19), 1995

Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

4 Section 6901(2) of title 31, United States Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(2) ‘unit of general local government’ means—

7 “(A) a county (or parish), township, bor-

8 ough, or city (where the city is independent of

any other unit of general local government),
that—

“(i) is within the class or classes of
such political subdivisions in a State that
the Secretary of the Interior determines to
be the principal provide or providers of
governmental services within the State;
and

“(ii) is a unit of general government,
as determined by the Secretary of the Inte-
rior on the basis of the same principles as
were used by the Secretary of Commerce
on January 1, 1983, for general statistical
purposes.

The term ‘government services’ includes, but is
not limited to, those services that relate to pub-
lic safety, the environment, housing, social serv-
ices, transportation, and governmental adminis-
tration;

“(B) the State of Alaska, for any land
within that State which is not within the
boundaries of a governmental entity described
under subparagraph (A);

“(C) the District of Columbia;

“(D) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

1 “(E) Guam; and

2 “(F) the Virgin Islands.”.

3 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES.**

4 Section 6902(a) of title 31, United States Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(a) The Secretary of the Interior shall make a pay-
7 ment for each fiscal year to each unit of general local gov-
8 ernment in which entitlement land is located, as set forth
9 in this chapter. Except for the State of Alaska for entitle-
10 ment land described in section 6901(2)(B), a unit of gen-
11 eral local government may use the payment for any gov-
12 ernmental purpose. The State of Alaska shall distribute
13 any payment received for entitlement land described in
14 section 6901(2)(B) to home rule and general law cities
15 within Alaska (as such cities are defined by the State).”.

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